Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Volunteers are the backbone of charitable, nonprofit, and civic organizations which could never provide the same level of service without the many hours donated by these dedicated, caring individuals; and,

Whereas, Volunteers have a special warmth and enthusiasm for their jobs, because theirs are truly labors of love, work given freely and gladly to causes and concerns to which they are deeply committed; and,

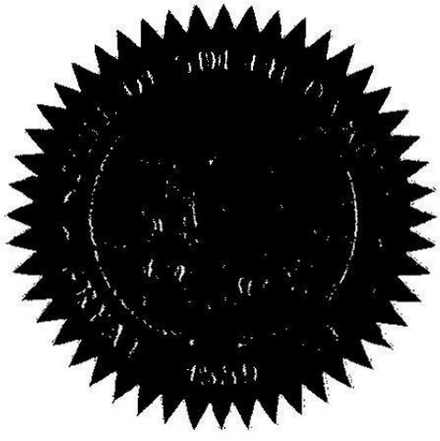
Whereas, Volunteers serve in every imaginable capacity, from manning crisis lines, to serving as tour guides, to helping with tax preparation, to taping books and periodicals for the visually impaired, to greeting and hosting and receiving, to unpaid and invaluable work performed in our churches, hospitals, schools, thrift centers, government buildings, and home kitchens; and,

Whereas, The Pierre-Fort Pierre Community, like communities all across South Dakota, is blessed with a cadre of giving, caring people who employ their God-given talents to improve their community and the lives of all who dwell there, and the communities will honor all their volunteers on April 20 during National Volunteer Week, a public thank you for the hundreds of gifts of service donated by hundreds of willing volunteers who ask only to serve:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2004, as

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to show grateful appreciation to the men and women of our communities who offer a helping hand wherever they see a need.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State